

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372:

- I. Claims 1-8;
- II. Claims 9-13;
- III. Claim 14.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of group I. Additionally, on page 3 of the current Office Action, the Examiner requests election of a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. On page 3 the Examiner inadvertently selects the wrong species. Specifically, the species of Group I where the ^{18}F source is $^{18}\text{F}_2$, $^{18}\text{F-CH}_3\text{COOF}$ or $^{18}\text{F-OF}_2$ the ^{18}F source is actually for the electrophilic process and for claims 1 to 5, the ^{18}F source is $^{18}\text{F- anion..}$ Accordingly, Applicants elect $^{18}\text{F-}$ as the ^{18}F source and $\text{X} = \text{I}^+$.

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This election is made without prejudice to the ability of Applicants to file divisional applications on any non-elected inventions.

Any questions with respect to the foregoing may be directed to Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number listed below.

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